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William Donald Gray  
Chief Investigator  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate

Subject: [Year-end Obligations Broken Down  
by Subcommittee Jurisdiction]

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Dear Mr. Gray:

As you requested on May 22, 1980, we are providing schedules of year-end obligations by month for each of the 3 months of the fourth quarter and the total obligations for the fourth quarter and the fiscal year. This information is provided for fiscal years 1977, 1978, and 1979; and is broken out by subcommittee jurisdiction to the maximum extent possible. The information was obtained from Treasury Bulletins, Table FO-3 for May 1977 to December 1979 and Table FO-2 for January and February 1980.

You should be aware that there are some serious limitations to the data and what we have been able to do with it. Information in the Treasury Bulletin is not displayed at lower than the agency level. Therefore, we are unable to provide you with data on individual bureaus or on most independent agencies by subcommittee jurisdiction. Although information is available at Treasury, extensive manual computation would be required to put it into useable form. Similarly, in cases where an agency's programs fall under more than one subcommittee, we have placed full agency totals under the one subcommittee which appears to have jurisdiction over the largest portion of that agency. As explained in footnotes to the enclosed information, total figures for some agencies may not agree with those published in the Treasury Bulletins, which is due largely to rounding differences. You will note some negative figures in the schedules, which would not normally be expected for gross obligations; they appear to be the result of adjustments between months.

Due to the short timeframe of this request, the enclosed information has not been verified with the agencies or Department of the Treasury. With these limitations, we believe that further analysis, verification and



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adjustments are needed before conclusions could be drawn from this data.  
We suggest that these data should be used only as rough indicators.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,



Morton A. Myers  
Director

Enclosure

bc: Mr. Havens (OCG)	without enclosure
Mr. Dugan (PAD)	" "
Mr. Hunter (PAD)	" "
Mr. Jenney (PAD)	" "
Ms. Dyess (PAD)	" "
Mr. Hill (PAD)	" "

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